

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

June 22, 2004

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FROM: DENNIS HANSBERGER, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

**SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF OFFICE OF PUBLIC GUARDIAN FROM CORONER TO
DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION: Read title only of a proposed ordinance regarding transfer of the Office of Public Guardian from the Coroner to the Department of Aging and Adult Services and providing that the Director of the Department of Aging and Adult Services shall perform ex officio as the Public Guardian; waive reading of entire text, and continue to Tuesday, June 29, 2004 for adoption.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Over the past several months, there has been consideration of the appropriate administrative means of providing the Coroner services to the public. The Coroner also performs Public Guardian, as well as provides conservator, services to various vulnerable adult and children residents of our county. In studying the most efficient method of providing these services, the Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) also performs substantial services to many of this vulnerable population. DAAS employs social workers in its Adult Protective Services division to assist with the social services aspects of the Public Guardian function. DAAS, with the assistance of the Human Services System administration, also makes financial payments and performs various accounting functions. DAAS' mission and public services are consistent with that of the Public Guardian and the Department can readily manage the staff and function of Public Guardian in providing a continuum of services to a vulnerable portion of our county residents.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Ruth Stringer, Assistant County Counsel) on June 14, 2004, and the County Administrative Office (Mark Uffer, County Administrative Officer) on June 15, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There should be no adverse cost impact in the consolidation of services.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All.

PRESENTER: Dennis Hansberger, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, (909) 387-4855.

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